

SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the Interview of January 14, 2010. The §103(a) rejections of claims 1, 12, 39, and 41 were discussed. Specifically, the definitions of “calculating a work score” and “work factors” were discussed. A work score was described on an individual patient basis, according to the work factors for the patient population that the patient is a member of. Accessing work factors for patients in different populations was explained. Patient-specific work scores and correlating to the quantity of personnel hours to treat particular patients was discussed. The definition of “satisfying” a work factor was discussed with reference to accessing a weighted value for each work factor that is within a certain range. Applicants offered to submit amendments to overcome the rejections of the outstanding office action.